

The public airwaves are used in this country, unlike other countries, free of charge. The FCC is responsible for regulating the airwaves for the public and public interests. The FCC has tried to increase consolidation of the airwaves, stating that media consolidation did not affect the interests of the public. However, Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of partisanship against the public interests.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.